

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-captioned patent application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A carrier for retaining an oxygen bottle, said carrier comprising:

a flexible open-top container adapted for maintaining a close fitting relationship with an oxygen bottle, said container including an upper mouth portion ~~having made at least partially from a stiff material~~ plastic peripheral insert to enable an oxygen bottle to be loaded therein vertically[;] and a flexible upper bottle retaining portion, adapted for preventing a retained oxygen ~~said~~ bottle from falling out of said carrier;

a pair of upper strap ends extending from respective sides of the upper bottle retaining portion of said container, each pair of upper strap ends including a snap-fitting buckle portion constituting one of said each of pair of strap ends and a second strap end that is adapted to be looped around an upper support portion of an orthopedic appliance and is attached to the other of said upper strap pair ends via an adjustable and releasable buckle connection; and

a pair of lower straps, each of said lower straps including a strap end extending from opposite sides of the lower portion of said flexible open-top container, each of said lower straps including hook and loop fasteners on each side of each strap end, enabling each of said lower straps to be selectively looped around a lower support portion of an orthopedic appliance and fastened upon itself, said pairs of upper strap ends and said pair of lower straps enabling said flexible open-top container to be selectively adjustable both laterally and vertically when attached to an orthopedic appliance and enabling said carrier to be selectively attachable to at least one of a first orthopedic appliance and a second orthopedic appliance.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Canceled).

4. (Withdrawn) A carrier as recited in Claim 2, wherein said appliance is a walker.

5. (Currently Amended) A carrier as recited in Claim 3, wherein said first orthopedic appliance is a wheelchair and said second orthopedic appliance is a walker.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Canceled).

8. (Original) A carrier as recited in Claim 1, including means for retaining personal items of a person using said carrier.

9. (Original) A carrier as recited in Claim 8, wherein said personal item retaining means includes at least one basket attached to said container.

10. (Original) A carrier as recited in Claim 9, wherein said basket is releasably attached.

11. (Currently Amended) An oxygen bottle carrier for use with a wheelchair; said carrier comprising:

an open-top flexible bag-like container adapted for maintaining a close fitting relationship with an oxygen bottle, said container including an upper mouth portion ~~made at least partially from a stiff material~~ including a plastic peripheral insert to enable an oxygen bottle to be loaded vertically while said carrier is attached to a said wheelchair;

~~first retaining means for retaining the top of said container to respective handles of said wheelchair, said first strap means including a pair of upper strap ends, each of said strap ends being connected to opposing sides of the upper bottle retaining portion of said container, each pair of upper strap ends including a snap-fitting buckle portion at one strap end of each of said pair, wherein the other strap end of said upper strap pair is looped around a portion of a upper support portion of a wheelchair and is attached to the other of said upper strap end pair via an adjustable and releasable buckle connection; and~~

~~second retaining means for retaining the bottom of said container relative to legs of said wheelchair~~ lower straps extending from opposite sides of the lower portion of said flexible open-top container, each of said lower straps including hook and loop fasteners disposed on each side of each strap, enabling each of said lower straps to be selectively

looped around a lower support portion of a wheelchair and fastened upon itself, and in which the vertical and lateral attached positions of said container on a wheelchair can be selectively adjusted using said upper strap pairs and the lower straps.

12. (Original) A carrier as recited in Claim 11, wherein said container includes a flexible upper bottle retaining portion for preventing said bottle from falling out of said carrier.

13. (Original) A carrier as recited in Claim 12, wherein said upper bottle retaining portion includes a drawstring to selectively reduce the diameter of said portion.